ED5-PVH Project (Project)

Western's TIP-financed project to enhance the Parker-Davis Project transmission system South of Phoenix



December 7, 2011

June 22, 2011, Customer Meeting Recap

Project information can be found on the Western TIP web site at:

http://ww2.wapa.gov/sites/western/recovery/project/Pages/ED5PVH.aspx

June 22nd Presentation can be found under link to: Public Involvement

Next Steps identified at June meeting:

- Execute Facilities Use Charge Agreement
- Complete Environmental Assessment
- Receive Project Funding Authorization
- Sign Transmission Right Assignment Agreements
- Sign 230-kV Underbuild Attachment Agreement
- Receive first TIP funding
- Initiate Construction including Materials and Equipment Orders

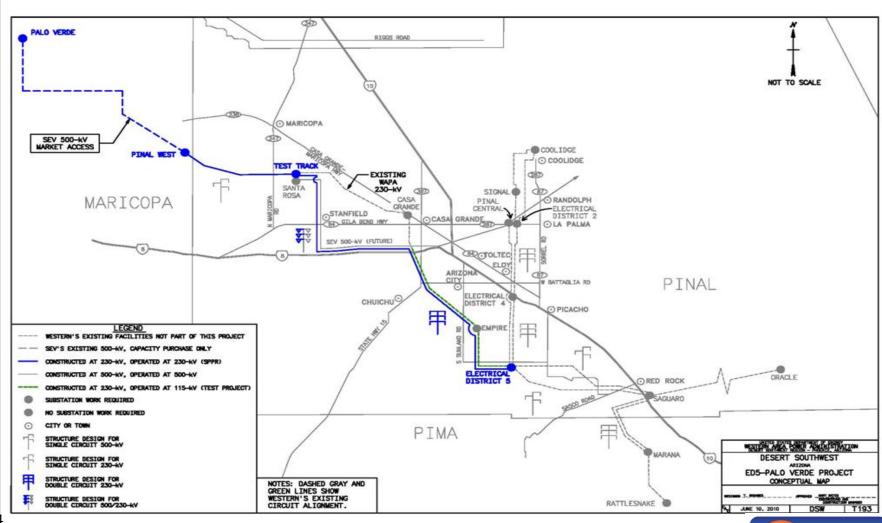


Today's Agenda

ED5-Palo Verde Hub Project T odd Rhoades
Actions since June 22 nd :
Cost and Financing Jack Murray
Rate Treatment Jack Murray
Project Marketability Todd Rhoades
Project Timeline Todd Rhoades
Discussion / Comments



ED5-Palo Verde Hub Project



Project Description

The major elements of the Project are:

- > Transmission Rights on 500-kV Southeast Valley Project from Hassayampa to Duke/Test Track.
- ➤ Conversion of 230-kV switchyard at Test Track Substation from Ring Bus to Breaker-and-One-Half configuration and addition of new bays.
- Construction of a new 230-kV ED5-Test Track Line; this line is under built on the SEV 500-kV Pinal Central-Duke Line, and double circuited with Western's CAG-EMP-ED5 115-kV Line.
- Conversion of the ED5 115-kV Tap to a Breaker-and-One-Half switchyard (built to 230-kV standards) and interconnection of a new 230/115 transformer.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$79.3M; does not include financing and indirect costs.

Status of NEPA Process

NEPA Documentation

- The Draft Environmental Assessment was submitted for public comment on June 10, 2011, with comments due by July 10, 2011.
- Final Environmental Assessment was complete at the end of July 2011.
- Finding Of No Significant Impact signed on Aug 9, 2011.

http://energy.gov/nepa/downloads/ea-1864-final-environmental-assessment-o



Request for Borrowing Authority

- The Project was presented to the DOE Review Committee on June 21, 2011.
- > The Project received approval from DOE on Sept 13, 2011.
- ➤ Western's Administrator Certified the Project and completed Financial Closing on Sept 14, 2011.



Status of Contracts/Agreements

- Transmission Service Agreement executed with ED4 for 156 MW of new service on Feb 12, 2011. Reassignments to other SPPR Group members executed in August/September 2011.
- Facilities Use Charge agreements executed with ED4 and reassignees in August/September 2011.
- ➤ The Palo Verde-Pinal Central Transmission Project
 Participation Agreement, Consent Acknowledgement and
 Agreement, Assignment Agreements from ED3 and ED4 to
 Western, and 230-kV Attachment Agreement were executed
 effective October 31, 2011.



Project Cost & Financing

Estimated Construction Costs	(in millions)
New Transmission Rights (SEV Project)	\$27.7
New 23-kV Transmission Line (ED5-Test Track)	27.4
Additions/Upgrades at Substations (ED5 & Test Track)	24.2
Total	\$79.3
Est. Level Annual Payment including TIP Financing	\$4.4

- TIP financing structure: Total 50-year repayment; initial financing matures in 30 years, with remaining balance refinanced at year 31 using a fixed (prevailing) interest rate.
- Level annual payment based on Treasury interest rates as of June 14, 2011.



Project Rate Treatment

- ➤ All costs associated with the Project will be included in the P-DP rate base, but kept separate and distinct through a Facilities Use Charge.
- ➤ Revenue from the Project capacity upgrades will also be included in the P-DP rate base, but kept separate and distinct through a Facilities Use Charge to offset costs.
- > The Beneficiaries and Participants of the Project share the costs and benefits via a Facilities Use Charge.
- > This is an existing cost recovery mechanism and shields current customers from rate impacts.



Review of Project Facilities Use Charge Concepts/Principles

- > Transmission customers of the newly created capacity must elect to be Beneficiaries of the Project.
- Existing P-DP customers may elect to become involved at any time and participate in the Project by voluntarily opting in, and are referred to as "Participants".
- The facilities use charge will have a "floor" on the "per kW" charge of the higher of \$1.50 per kW per month or the existing P-DP rate.
- ➤ Beneficiaries and Participants must have both a transmission service and a facilities use agreement.
- Participants will continue to use existing transmission service agreements; will need Facilities Use Charge agreements; and must continue participation through the term of their transmission service agreements.

Review of Project Facilities Use Charge Concepts/Principles

- The Participants' share of the transmission revenue requirement will be included in the Facilities Use Charge.
- ➤ Beneficiaries and Participants will be charged for transmission and facilities use.
- End result is payment only for facilities use and applicable ancillary services.
- Initial Beneficiaries that are existing P-DP customers may not reduce existing transmission reservations to take service under this Project.



Project Marketing

➤ Available Transmission Capacity will be posted on OASIS

Long Term Firm Transmission Service will commence January 1, 2015



Project Timeline

> First Funds Drawn from Treasury

November 2011

Project cost and schedule baseline established and monitoring, tracking and reporting begins

November 2011

➤ Initial Materials and Equipment Order

December 2011

> Initial Construction Contract Award

Spring 2012

➢ Construction Complete – System In-Service

Jan. 1, 2015



Discussion / Comments

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